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FOR S/FW-COA VANCAMPEN AND MEXICO DESK FROM AMB. MCKERNAN

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TAGS: PBOR, MX

SUBJ: INTERAMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

REF: A. MEXICO 5649; B. MEXICO 5679; C. STATE 1536

1. AGREE WITH REFTEL C THAT THERE MAY BE SOME COMPETITION BETWEEN CASTRO AND MEDINA NERI OVER LEADING ROLE IN TUNA AFFAIRS. IF CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS INCLUDING CASTRO Y CASTRO AND MEDINA NERI WOULD BE HELPFUL, I WOULD BE PREPARED VISIT MEXICO IN SEPT WHEN SCHEDULE PERMITS.

2. ON OTHER HAND, THERE IS MERIT TO LETTING MEXICANS SETTLE THEIR OWN DISPUTE IF IN FACT THERE IS ONE BETWEEN TWO ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFICIALS. I AM INCLINED CONSIDER SITUATION IN IATTC VERY SERIOUS AND COMING MEETING MAY FAIL IF DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICO DO NOT OCCUR BEFORE SAID MEETING.

3. WULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY COULD FIND OUT ASAP EXACTLY WHAT CASTRO Y CASTRO HAS IN MIND AND ALSO TRY
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GET FIX ON WHAT MEDINA NERI HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH.

4. WE ARE INFORMED HERE MEDINA NERI VISITED SAN DIEGO RECENTLY AND MET WITH TUNA FISHERMEN AND UNIONS IN ONE MEETING AND CANNERS REPRESENTATIVES IN ANOTHER. SUGGEST VANCAMPEN FIND OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AS TO WHAT MEDINA NERI DISCUSSED AT THESE MEETINGS. THEY VERY LIKELY INVOLVE INTERAMERICAN TUNA COMMISSION AND TUNA QUOTAS.

5. I AM INCLINED TRY AND GET AS MUCH INFO AS POSSIBLE BEFORE DECIDING HOW TO APPROACH MEXICAN GOVERNMENT BEFORE TUNA COMMISSION MEETING IN ORDER IMPROVE THE PROBABILITY OF SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

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